2020 Olympic Games
RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS — SELECTION PROCESS
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by the selection committee of the Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG) Program of Gymnastics Canada to select and nominate athletes and coaches to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for the 2020 Olympic Games (Tokyo, JPN). It must be noted that the COC has final determination on all athletes and coaches selected to the 2020 Olympic Games team; GymCan is responsible for the sport internal selection process and for the nomination of athletes and coaches for final approval by the COC Team Selection Committee.

Quota spots for the 2020 Olympic Games have been earned either for the country or by name at one of the following events: 2018 World Championships (RGG), the 2019 World Championships (RGI and RGG), the 2020 World Cup series (RGI), or the 2020 Continental Championships (RGI and RGG). The team size for Rhythmic Gymnastics for the 2020 Olympic Games will consist of up to 2 RGI athletes and 5 RGG athletes. The selection of the quota for Rhythmic Gymnastics coaches is determined by the COC and GymCan will be informed of this number at least six months prior to the Games.

Given that this selection criteria is published well in advance of the competition, GymCan and the COC reserve the right to adjust this published selection criteria due to any unforeseen circumstances at the time of publication, in order to apply the criteria in a fair manner as per the original intent of the criteria.

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1.1 OBJECTIVES

The objective of this selection process and procedure is to select the best delegation for these Olympics to achieve the following targets:
- RGI: finish in the top 20 All-Around
- RGG: finish in the top 12 All-Around

1.2 DELEGATION SIZE AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Canadian RG Team delegation size is dependent on the number of quota spots earned and team needs.

If a full team qualifies, the Canadian RG Team will be composed of:
- Up to 2 RGI athletes
- 5 RGG athletes
- 1 RGI coach
- 2 RGG coaches
- 1 Team Manager
- 1 Physiotherapist

Additional coaches and/or support team members may be named pending the number of accreditations available.
Official team travel, meals, accommodation, and clothing expenses for the Canadian RG delegation that are directly related to Games participation are the responsibility of the COC and/or Gymnastics Canada.

1.3 KEY DATES

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2.0 DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

The National Team Director- Rhythmic Gymnastics (NTD-RG), in consultation with the RG Program Committee are responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for the 2020 Olympic Games. The final process incorporates feedback submitted during a period of consultations prior to its final publication.

The selection of the athletes and coaches will be the responsibility of the RG Selection Working Group (SWG):
- National Team Director-RG (NTD-RG);
- Sr. Program Coordinator-RG (PC-RG) - non-voting;
- National Team Coach Council Representative;
- Judge Development Working Group Member;

National Team coaches/judges with athletes being considered for selection will not be eligible for membership on the SWG due to conflict of interest. No member of the SWG shall participate in any discussions or decisions regarding the nomination of any athletes with whom they have a perceived or
real conflict of interest. Any member of the SWG who considers that they are in a position of a perceived or real conflict of interest must declare such a conflict before any discussions are held or decisions are made and must remove themselves from any meetings until the matter giving rise to the perceived or real conflict of interest has been resolved by the SWG.

3.0 FIG QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification for the 2020 Olympic Games is based on results from the following events:

RGI
- Criteria 1: 2019 World Championships – quota places are allocated to the NOC (National Olympic Committee) and not the gymnast,
- Criteria 2: 2020 World Cup Circuit – quota places are allocated to the NOC for NOC’s with one quota place from Criteria 1 (2019 World Championships), and to the athlete by name for NOCs without a quota place, OR
- Criteria 3: 2020 Continental Championships – quota places are allocated to the athlete by name.

RGG
- Criteria 1: 2018 World Championships – quota places are allocated to the NOC (National Olympic Committee),
- Criteria 2: 2019 World Championships – quota places are allocated to the NOC (National Olympic Committee), OR
- Criteria 3: 2020 Continental Championships – quota places are allocated to the NOC (National Olympic Committee).

The full FIG qualification system can be found here (https://www.gymnastics.sport/publicdir/rules/files/en_Olympic%20Qualification%20System%202020%20GA%20GR%20GT.pdf) and in the event of a discrepancy with this document, the FIG Qualification System shall prevail. In the event of changes by the FIG to the selection and eligibility criteria, Gymnastics Canada is bound by these changes and will inform its membership as soon as possible.

Following the conclusion of the 2020 Continental Championships, FIG will inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. Following receipt of the confirmation from FIG, the NOC’s will then have two weeks to confirm if they wish to use these quota places.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for nomination to the 2020 Olympic Games RG Team, an athlete must:
- be a Canadian Citizen in accordance with Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter and have a passport that is valid until at least February 9 2021;
- be at least 16 years of age in 2020;
- be a member in good standing with GymCan;
- be a Senior National Team or High Performance athlete in 2020;
- be in compliance with all relevant GymCan, COC, FIG and IOC requirements for eligibility including possessing a valid FIG license with an expiry date no earlier than August 31 2020;
5.0 SELECTION PROCESS

5.1 RGI SELECTION

The selection process has been developed to select up to two athlete(s) with the greatest potential to meet the stated objectives where quota places are allocated to the NOC. Nomination to the team will be based on the following criteria:

Criteria 1: Qualification to the 2020 Olympic Games through the 2019 World Championships

Step 1: 2020 Elite Canada
All-Around scores and ranking calculated as a sum of Competition A + Competition B (8 routines). Elite Canada Competition A + Competition B will count towards 30% of the total ranking.
In the case of a successful medical petition for the 2020 Elite Canada, the petitioning gymnast’s most recent 2020 World Cup/Challenge Cup score will be used for their 30%. If an athlete did not compete at a 2020 World Cup/Challenge Cup, Canadian Championships will be used for 100% of their ranking. To be considered for selection, an injured athlete must provide a medical certificate completed by a Sport Medicine Doctor to the NTD-RG and copied to the PC-RG by email with receipt no later than 17:00 on February 21 2020. A second medical note completed by a Sport Medicine Doctor must be provided by March 8 2020 that states that the athlete has returned to full training.

Step 2: 2020 Canadian Championships
All-Around scores and ranking calculated as a sum of Competition A + Competition B (8 routines). Canadian Championships Competition A + Competition B will count towards 70% of the total ranking.

In the case of a successful medical petition for the 2020 Canadian Championships, the petitioning gymnast’s most recent 2020 World Cup/Challenge score will be used for their 70%. To be considered for selection, an injured athlete must provide a medical certificate completed by a Sport Medicine Doctor to the NTD-RG and copied to the PC-RG by email with receipt no later than 17:00 on May 24, 2020. A second medical note completed by a Sport Medicine Doctor must be provided by May 31, 2020 that states the athlete has returned to full training.

Please note, an athlete may only submit a medical petition for one event only.

Criteria 2:

A) Qualification to the Olympic Games through the 2020 World Cup Circuit – where quota places are allocated to the NOC

The athlete who earned the quota place during the 2020 World Cup Circuit will be the athlete named to the 2020 Olympic Team.

If the athlete who earned the quota is unable to fulfill the nomination, selection for this quota will be as follows:

Step 1: 2020 World Cup Circuit and 2020 Continental Championships
The best All-Around score from the 2020 World Cup Circuit OR the 2020 Continental Championships will be used toward 40% of the total ranking.

Step 2: 2020 Canadian Championships
All-Around scores and ranking calculated as a sum of Competition A + Competition B (8 routines). Canadian Championships Competition A + Competition B will count towards 60% of the total ranking.

Criteria 2:

B) Qualification to the Olympic Games through the 2020 World Cup Circuit – when quota places are allocated to the athlete by name

The athlete who was awarded the quota place by name during the 2020 World Cup circuit will be the athlete who is named to the 2020 Olympic Games Team.
5.2 RGG SELECTION
The GymCan Senior Group gymnast selection will be conducted in October 2019 according to the selection criteria and process that is identified for the 2020 GymCan Group. It is understood that the 2020 GymCan Group will represent Canada at the 2020 Olympic Games, should they qualify, and other international events during 2020. The 2020 GymCan Group will consist of 6 athletes.

5 of the 6 athletes will attend the 2020 Olympic Games. The NTD-RG, the Head Group Coach, and GymCan’s top FIG Brevet RGG Judge reserve the right to select the best 5 athletes to represent Canada at the Olympics. The following will be used to evaluate the 5 best athletes:
- Ability to perform their best under pressure as demonstrated at identified control events and competitions
- Current health status
- Leadership/contributions to group chemistry and group-oriented attitudes

5.3 RESERVE ATHLETES
The SWG may identify reserve athletes for the 2020 Olympic Games, although there is no obligation to name a reserve. The reserve, or reserves, will be identified based on the criteria used for the selection of the athletes on the team, and will be named at the discretion of the SWG. The nomination of a reserve may take place at a later date than the team selection. Reserve athletes will be required to maintain competition-ready status until the date of the late-athlete replacement deadline.

The reserve athlete(s) will not have the status, privileges, and obligations of a team athlete and is not anticipated to travel with the team to the Olympic Games or pre-Olympic Games training camp.

5.4 ATHLETE VERIFICATION
Verification of athletes will be on-going after May 24, 2020 until the date of departure for the 2020 Olympic Games. Specific dates, locations, and means of verification will be at the prerogative of the NTD-RG, and will be arranged when deemed necessary.

At the time of verification, athletes must perform their usual routines with full difficulty (at a minimum, the level of difficulty that was demonstrated during the 2020 Canadian Championships as determined by the SWG) in a simulated competition environment.

The NTD-RG may substitute an athlete, if the athlete(s) did not qualify to the 2020 Olympic Games by name, if following the verification, or at any time up to the date of departure:
- the athlete no longer meets the eligibility criteria; and/or
- the athlete is unable to meet the expectations stated for the verification; and/or
- they omit to provide the required information outlined in Section 5.5 in case of illness or injury as per the deadline stated in the section above.
5.5 **ATHLETE SUBSTITUTION**

Following the athlete selection, if the athlete(s) did not qualify to the 2020 Olympic Games by name, the following conditions must be met up until **July 21, 2020**:
- the athlete is still eligible for selection; and
- the athlete is healthy and able to compete, and
- the athlete is able to perform, at the time of a verification, at the level that warranted their selection; and
- the athlete is successfully verified according to the process described in 5.1 and 5.2.

The NTD-RG has the authority to exercise their discretion in the case of an athlete whose injury, as assessed by a qualified sports medicine physician, will not impact their ability to perform at their previously demonstrated level at the 2020 Olympic Games.

**Failure to meet one of the above conditions as assessed by the NTD-RG may result in the athlete being replaced by a reserve.**

If an athlete cannot participate in a verification due to injury or other unforeseen circumstance then the NTD-RG, in consultation with the team coach, the personal coach, and IST staff, will determine if the athlete should be replaced by a substitute or reserve team member. Should an athlete be replaced, GymCan reserves the right to also consider a team coaching adjustment if the personal coach of the athlete was originally selected as a team coach.

Any athlete substitution made after nomination to the COC is subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such substitution after July 6, 2020 is also subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy and no longer at the discretion of GymCan or the COC.

5.6 **INJURIES**

An athlete injured or ill at any time leading up to the selection, or once the team has been selected, must provide an official medical report/certificate to the PC-RG as set out below. Failure to do so may result in the athlete’s name being withdrawn from the process or team.

**Step 1.** The athlete and/or their club’s head coach must inform the PC-RG by email, with acknowledgement or a read receipt from the PC-RG **within 24 hours**, if their athlete is injured or ill in a way to jeopardize their participation or the quality of their performances at either competition and provide the following information:
- date when the injury/illness occurred;
- means taken to have the injury/illness evaluated by a physician or specialist;
- date at which a written detailed report will be provided.

**Step 2.** The athlete and/or their club’s head coach must provide the following typewritten information **within 5 days following step 1:**
- detailed nature of the injury (documented by physician, not by therapist) including whether or not this is a new, overuse, or chronic injury;
- ability to pursue full training and to compete (all apparatus/some apparatus), as recommended by the physician or medical specialist;
- recovery/rehabilitation measures;
- recommendation(s) regarding pursuing training and ability to train and/or compete as expected;
- expected date for return to partial (specify) and complete training.

The coach must provide a written report stating the nature and the amount of training the athlete will do each week for the next four weeks.

GymCan reserves the right to have the athlete examined by a physician or medical specialist selected by the SWG at the expense of the athlete and by the timelines set by the SWG.

### 6.0 Nomination of Coaches

The SWG will nominate the individual team coach for the 2020 Olympic Games at the same time as the athletes taking the following factors into consideration:

- the number of available accreditations;
- past experience and performance in international competitions;
- ability to work well in a team setting, to work well with other team coaches, and to contribute to team cohesion;
- ability to identify and resolve potential team issues related to the management of the team on the floor as they arise;
- ability and willingness to communicate openly and in a constructive manner with members of the delegation; and
- ability to manage stress and support the needs of team members in high pressure situations

Pending confirmation of accreditation numbers from COC, the GymCan NTD-RG will be RG Team Leader and will have the overall authority for RG team decisions at the Games. In the event that the NTD is not a fully accredited member of the team, the NTD will still provide direction to the team at the Games; however, one of the coaches will be named as Team Head Coach with responsibilities that will be outlined at the time of selection.

### 6.1 Substitution of Coach

Substitution of a coach may take place if one of the following situations occurs:

- a coach no longer has an athlete on the Canadian RG Team;
- a coach is not meeting the expectations associated with the roles, responsibilities, and tasks of a coach as assessed by the NTD-RG; or
- a coach has missed scheduled activities - including meetings and related GymCan promotional activities during the preparation camps unless exempted by the NTD-RG.

Substitution may only take place within the parameters set by the FIG, IOC, COC and GYMCAN.
7.0 RECONSIDERATION, INTERNAL REVIEW OR APPEAL AND MODIFICATION TO THE PROCESS

7.1 RECONSIDERATION

An athlete who disagrees with a decision made in the application of the process may request reconsideration by the SWG. The request must be made in writing no more than two business days from the date of unofficial circulation of the decision. It must include the rationale supporting the request and the alleged errors in the application of the nomination process described herein. The SWG will then review the request and make a decision. The NTD-RG shall give written reasons for the decision to the athlete within two business days from receipt of the written request.

Coaches and athletes agree to abide by the decisions made once the reconsideration period or process has passed to ensure a positive team atmosphere.

7.2 INTERNAL REVIEW/APPEAL

A request for review or appeal will be dealt with according to Section 39 – Appeals of GymCan’s Policies and Procedures Manual in effect at the time of the dispute (available on the GymCan website).

The request must be made no more than two business days following the decision rendered as a result of a request for reconsideration as set out in section 7.1. It must include the rationale supporting the request and the alleged errors in the application of the process.

Notwithstanding the above, the parties may also agree to resolve the matter using the Early Resolution Facilitation services offered by the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada ("SDRCC"). Alternatively, GymCan and the Appellant may agree to bypass the internal appeal procedure and have the appeal heard directly before the SDRCC.

7.3 MODIFICATION TO THE PROCESS

The NTD-RG, in consultation with the SWG staff reserves the right to make changes to this document to ensure the identification of the best delegation possible for the 2020 Olympic Games in case of:
- major change to the deadlines or information provided by the COC or FIG that impacts the nomination process described herein;
- unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of GymCan that impacts the nomination process described herein;
- a situation which impacts any step of the selection process and prevents the SWG from fairly applying the process as written. The NTD-RG may take into consideration any factor or circumstance they deem relevant

Any changes to this document must be endorsed by the CEO of Gymnastics Canada and the Canadian Olympic Committee and will be communicated directly to the coaches and athletes involved in the process. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of these Internal Nomination Procedures unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes.
8.0 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Failure to comply with FIG and/or GymCan rules, regulations, policies, or directives will be addressed by the GymCan NTD-RG and/or the GymCan CEO, or designate, who will follow with relevant rules, regulations, policies or directives and may, to the extent permitted, take the necessary and appropriate action.

9.0 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the team selection criteria to be fairly and objectively applied, Gymnastics Canada’s NTD-RG and the CEO will rule on an appropriate course of action. The CEO has the ultimate decision-making authority.

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